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M.S.P. FOR COPRA
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA;P.C. THOMAS;SURESH KODIKUNNIL;T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the MSP fixed for milling copra and ball copra for the 2002 season;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala has requested higher rate of MSP in view of low productionand productivity of coconut in the State because of mite infestation and root wilt disease;

(c) if so, the details of the higher rate asked by the Kerala Government;

(d) whether the Union Government have initiated any steps in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Union Government has ascertained cost of production of coconut; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Government fixed the Minimum support Price (MSP) for Milling and Ball copra of FaiAverage Quality (FAQ) at Rs.3300/- and Rs.3550/- per quintal respectively for 2002 season.

(b) to (e): Yes Sir. The State Government of Kerala had requested the Commission for AgriculturalCosts and Prices (CACP) to recommend the MSP of Rs. 4600/-per quintal for Milling copra andRs.4800/- per quintal for Ball copra in view of low production and productivity of coconut in the State because of mite infestation and root wilt disease. While fixing the MSP for copra for 2002 season, the Government had taken the above factors into consideration.

(f) & (g): The work on collection of data on cost of production of coconut under the ongoing scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in India was initiated only in 1997, and no firm date base could be generated so far under this scheme.